

NEW CITY COUNCIL SWORN IN TODAY

Ladd Touches On New Central Fire Station and Recommends Mov- ing Pest House to Portsmouth Hos- pital Grounds

The new city council elected on Dec. 17, was inaugurated into office today at the meeting which followed was the most important of the year. The clerk called the roll at 10:20 and the following answered: Councilmen Gay, Kirkpatrick, Leckey, Weeks and Hickey. Councilmen of Ward 5 was absent.

The report in circulation that the council were lined up to be shown by the vote for city

ing the prayer offered by Rev. Ellery of the St. John's Episcopal church, the oath of office was read by Mayor-Elect Samuel Ladd. City Clerk McDonough, in turn swore in the council, and the body proceeded with the business of the day.

On a roll call, the councilmen were sworn in. The council then proceeded to the business of the day.

Mayor Reads Address. Ladd then read his address as follows: "I have just taken upon myself the duty of conducting the affairs of this city, to the best of my ability, and I will guard its interests with the utmost care."

I wish also to state that our net municipal debt is \$357,650, or approximately \$27,000 above the amount allowed the city to borrow under the present law, which is 3 per cent of the city's valuation.

FAMOUS CATHEDRAL IN RUINS

Teutons Make Three Night Air Raids Over Padua, Demolishing 16th Century Cathedral and Other Works of Art

MERRIMACK RIVER IS FROZEN OVER

The oldest inhabitant of Newburyport cannot remember when the river and harbor at that port has been frozen in its entire length from New Hampshire to the sea previously.

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BORN

Born at Lynn, Mass., Jan. 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Royal R. Allen (nee Forbes) a son 10 1-2 pounds, Roland Austin.

(By Associated Press)

Padua, Italy, Jan. 1.—The third successive air raid by the Austro-Germans last night scattered havoc among the famous churches and monuments of Padua.

The 16th Century Padua Cathedral was demolished; the bronze doors of the Church of St. Anthony were blown off and the sepulcher of St. Anthony was narrowly missed by a bomb.

The paintings and frescoes by Titian and other masters were torn and scratched by the concussion. The rose windows and the Renaissance stained glass were shattered to fragments.

The cathedral was struck above the gable facade, the entire gable and the upper part of the facade falling into the street.

The raiders came at three different times, at 8 and 11 o'clock last night, and again at three o'clock this morning. Twenty bombs were dropped.

ORDERS HEARING FOR KITTY MEN

Claim Selectmen Cut Down Trees on Their Property and Ask Damages.

On the petition of Albert H. Moulton and Alfred W. Sterling of Kittery, the Public Utilities Commission of Maine has ordered a hearing at the council chamber at Biddeford on Jan. 11. The petitioners represent that they are owners of land in the town of Kittery and that pursuant to orders from the Public Utilities Commission the selectmen of the town of Kittery entered upon the land and cut down and trimmed certain trees for which they claim damages.

SCHOONERS STUCK FAST IN THE ICE

New Bedford, Jan. 1.—Five schooners were fast in the lee off this port today signalling for assistance. The captain of an island steamer reported having sighted three 3-masted schooners caught in Buzzards Bay; another drifting helplessly in ice floes off Peconic Island, and the fifth, a two-masted, trapped off Scraggy Neck, 10 miles away.

The only tug in port here today were engaged in freeing barges and other crafts from ice off shore and none could be spared to go to the aid of the schooners.

JAPANESE LOAN TO CHINA

(By Associated Press)
Peking, Jan. 1.—The Associated Press is informed that Japan is negotiating an advance to China of ten million pounds for the purpose of improving the status of the Bank of China.

The negotiations are being carried on with the knowledge of the American, British, French and Russian banking houses in the syndicate which with Japanese and German representation was formed before the war to finance China.

U-BOATS CRASH UNDER WATER

Washington, Jan. 1.—Two United States submarines have collided thirty feet under water, and both have come safe home to port to tell what is so far, the narrowest escape of the war.

GERMANS FEAR AIR RAID BY AMERICANS

Great Nervousness Throughout Germany On Account of Rumor That United States Fliers Will Raid That Country

(By Associated Press)

London, Jan. 1.—Allied air raids over Germany are awakening the people of that country to a recognition of their ruler's mistaken air ruthlessness policy, according to the Amsterdam correspondent of the London Times.

There is great nervousness throughout Germany; he says, owing to the report of the American's intention to invade Germany by air. The frequent explosions in munition factories are causing the German military authorities much anxiety not only with the interference with the supply of ammunition, but of the effect on the people of the neighborhood.

Read the Want Ads.

FIRE AT DARTMOUTH

Hanover, Jan. 1.—Professor H. W. Shellen of the Tuck school of Dartmouth college, and seven members of his household had a narrow escape from fire which destroyed their home on College street early today.

The house was filled with smoke when the family was awakened and they had to crawl to the door on their hands and knees to avoid suffocation. They suffered severely from the cold before they reached the home of a neighbor as the temperature was 20 degrees below zero.

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MAY COMMANDEER COAL SUPPLY AT FAIRFIELD

(By Associated Press)
Portland, Jan. 1.—Limousines mixed with trucks, drays, carts, boys and girls with sleds, but no carts, baskets or bags in coaches, Monday, carrying home small quantities of coal. About 100 such customers were accommodated, two men devoting their entire attention to these.

Wealthy owners of luxurious cars did not hesitate to send their chauffeurs to the coal yards repeatedly during the day to replenish supplies in their limos.

A conglomerate assembly vied each with the other in obtaining small lots, the usual quantity being ten cents' worth, a day's supply for poor families when present frost weather as at present prevails. Some manage to make it cover two days' use.

Two little girls of 12 years trudged more than two miles from their home in South Portland and hauled home what they could carry on a small sled. Italian women and girls carried their purchases home in packs on their heads.

Sunday and night deliveries have been made for the last fortnight. One company is filling no new orders as they are two weeks behind on orders with which they are trying to catch up. Dealers have no hope of shipments to this city by rail, at least not for weeks and winter will be well over in their opinion before relief will materialize from that source.

Policemen found two houses here today where women occupants had hoarded excessive amounts of coal by pleading with each dealer in town for ten and half ton lots.

State Food Administrator James C. Hamilton today notified a manufacturing concern in Fairfield that it must sell 550 tons of coal and 200 cords of wood in its possession at a reasonable price or he will commandeer it under authority of the federal government.

The same notice was served on the owners of 200 cords of wood in Farmington. Dealers were stopped from delivering coal to two residents in this city, where investigation showed there was a supply on hand.

do a great deal of traveling from one post to another. Each one of the things he turned up about is found to be true, only with a war on hand, the situation is even worse than he pictured it.

Moreover, why should we be unprepared? Let it be granted that much good work has been done since last April. Is it not still true that we allowed almost three years to go by before we stirred ourselves. France and England may rightly say that they were taken by surprise when war came. We can hardly urge that, seeing that we saw war drawing near for many months before it actually arrived. And yet during those months, we simply trusted to Providence and did little or nothing to get ready.

We, as a nation ought to be somewhat ashamed of the slowness with which we are bringing Europe help. And we ought to see to it that men who warned us of our condition are no longer punished for telling plainly what we now find to be the case. Our task is immensely harder because we failed to take advice at the right time.—Gloucester Times.

WILL DROP NIGHT TRAINS TO MONTREAL

Portland, Jan. 1.—Night passenger trains on the Grand Trunk railway between this city and Montreal will be dropped after Saturday. This is in the interest of conservation, especially of coal, and following the general plan of the government to give freight at least an equal chance with passenger service.

EXETER

Exeter, Jan. 1.—The 19th annual concert and ball of the Hook and Ladder company No. 1 was held Monday evening in the town hall. Music was furnished by the Columbian orchestra of Lawrence, Mass., which also gave a concert from 8 to 9 o'clock. The proceeds over expenses was given to the way Y. M. C. A. fund and from this came a large attendance was recorded. The dance order contained 20 numbers with three extras. The hall was in charge of Capt. William McLane, assisted by George P. Lord, John Noonan, William T. McLane and Robert W. Campbell. The aids were William J. Wetherill, Edward H. Moore, Herbert E. Lord, Samuel McLane, Frank Hatchelder, Stephen M. Towle and Joseph Kershaw. The committee of arrangements was William J. Wetherill, George P. Lord, Edward H. Moore, Stephen M. Towle and Joseph Kershaw. Features of the concert were the violin solo by Mr. Kroyak and a trombone solo by Mr. Widdow. Visiting friends were in attendance from the surrounding towns and cities.

The cabinet wave ever remembered by the oldest residents has prevailed in this section since Saturday. Sunday morning 27 below was recorded and Monday 22 below. There were many freezes in the water pipes and the plumbers were busy during the two days. In the country districts many of the telephone wires were snapped by the cold and the firemen were today called into service to repair them. Maximum temperature Sunday was 1 below zero while Monday it reached 2 above.

The coal shortage made the severe weather felt more, although locally only a few are without coal. The shortage was felt mostly at the public buildings. Schools are not in session and thus their supply is conserved during the cold wave.

As a precaution against the shortage, dealers have been ordered not to sell any for delivery out of town, the McReel company having four carloads arrive last week, which had been on the road since Nov. 6 and workmen were kept unloading it Sunday.

This week the Exeter Manufacturing company will remain closed and thus the company will save coal during the remainder of the week.

The Exeter, Hampton and Amesbury street railway will commence a new schedule on Jan. 2.

Michael Spure of Stratham, died at his home Saturday. He had been a resident there for 25 years and was a native of Nova Scotia where he was born Oct. 25, 1837. His survivors are a widow and two sons, Ernest and Stewart, also a daughter, Mrs. Stephen Boals.

The funeral services of Mrs. Abbie Chase of Hampton Falls, wife of John N. Chase were held at her home Sunday, conducted by Rev. John W. Savage of Hampton Falls. She had lived in that town for six years coming from Newburyport, Mass. The survivors are a son, Arthur W. Chase and a daughter, Mrs. Albert Elkins, both of Hampton Falls, besides her husband. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker F. L. Jenkins of Exeter.

Town Clerk Fred S. Fellowes has drawn Frank R. Goodie, Walter S. Caribbe, Frank L. Jenkins and Alfred D. Higgins as petit jurors for the January term. They were ordered to report on Jan. 22 and Luke Leighton as grand juror who reports on Jan. 8.

The Philanthropic class of the Baptist Sunday school met Monday evening with Miss Mabelle Smith on Main street.

Itching piles provoke profanity, but profanity won't remove them. Doan's Ointment is recommended for itching, bleeding or protruding piles. 60c at all drug stores.

WILL SEND FARM TRACTORS TO FRANCE

Washington, Jan. 1.—Fifteen hundred farm tractors will be sent to France by the food administration for use in increasing the French food crops. One hundred, it was learned today already have gone forward aboard a naval transport. All will be across by March when the spring ploughing begins.

The plan was conceived by Henry Morgenthau and his son, Henry Morgenthau, Jr. Young Morgenthau will go to France to supervise delivery and to establish schools to train older men and women to use them. The tractors will be distributed by the French minister of agriculture.

Use of the tractors, food administration officials said today, will reduce 2,000,000 tons of shipping next year that otherwise would be required to transport food to France.

The average sown to crops in the uninvaded portions of France this year was 30,742,157, compared with 10,657,293 in 1913. The total food crop this year was 21,581,290 tons against 30,402,319 in 1913.

Use of the tractors will enable the French in the spring to plant 500,000 additional acres in potatoes and in the fall an extra 1,000,000 acres in wheat.

OBSERVES HOLIDAY

North Walpole, Jan. 1.—A number of friends of United States Minister Chas. J. O'Neill called at his home Monday evening to assist the marshal in the proper observance of New Year's eve.

Mr. O'Neill exchanged New Year's greetings early in the evening with his old time friend, Col. W. W. Hill at Concord over the telephone.

ONE CERTIFICATE NOT ENOUGH

Objective in the Thrift Savings Stamp campaign centers upon raising two billion dollars for the government's war chest. The population of the country totals around one hundred million of people. If the two billion mark is to be reached, Thrift stamps to the total of \$20 must be subscribed for each man, woman and child in the country. It has been generally understood, possibly through lack of definite statement, that the filling out of one of the Thrift card blanks by the collection of 20 of the twenty-five cent stamps was the "quota" required by those desirous of "doing their bit". One card full of Thrift stamps equals and may be exchanged for one of the war certificate stamps. To make the exchange 12 cents additional is required for January, as has been fully explained. It is necessary to have four of these certificates to meet the "quota." As many persons may not take stamps at all, those who do should take as many more as they can. Set your mark at \$20 as the lowest. Look upon the Thrift Stamp as another form of Liberty Bond.—Nashua Telegraph.

Most disgusting skin eruptions, scurf, pimples, rashes, etc., are due to impure blood. Burdock Blood Purifiers as a cleansing blood tonic, is well recommended. \$1.25 at all stores.

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ONE-TIME PIRATES

Esthonian Outrages Enkindled Wrath of Danish Kings.

Records Show They Were Regarded as a Daring, Predatory People of the Baltic.

The Esthonians, who constitute four-fifths of the population of the Russian Baltic province of Esthonia, which lies between Riga and Petrograd, are the subject of a bulletin issued by the National Geographic society from its Washington headquarters.

"Like the Finns, to whom they are closely related, the Esthonians or Esths, a race numbering 1,000,000 people, more than 400,000 of whom reside in Esthonia, retain many characteristics which bespeak their Mongolian origin. They are long-armed and short-legged, have broad face and low brows, are usually beardless and have oblique eyes.

"The first record of the Esths in Europe reveals them as a daring, predatory people of the Baltic whose pirate outrages enkindled the wrath of Danish kings as early as the twelfth century. In 1104 and 1196 Canute VI sent a strong expedition against them and forced a number of the lawless bands to accept Christianity and allow themselves to be baptized. Hardly had the warlike proselytes left the Esthonian shores, however, than the inhabitants reverted to barbarism and their heathen practices. A quarter of a century later Waldemar II was more successful. He subjugated the northern portion of the land and brought the inhabitants under submission to the Danish crown. It was never a willing submission, however, and for more than 100 years the inhabitants gave their conquerors endless trouble until 1343 Waldemar IV decided that they were 'not worth the bother,' so he sold his interest in the rebels and in their land to the Knights of the Sword, who were gradually spreading their net of power northward from Teutonic lands.

"For more than 500 years thereafter the lot of the Esthonians was virtually that of serfdom under their German landowners.

"In the sixteenth century both the nobles and the fortified towns of Esthonia placed themselves under the protection of the Swedish crown, but they were forced to acknowledge a new master after Peter the Great's successful wars against Charles XII.

"For the last thirty years the Russian imperial government has been making systematic efforts to abolish the Esthonian language, to which the people have clung tenaciously. Harsh regulations as to the use of the language in the schools have not served to wean the people from their language, however. One characteristic which has served to preserve the Esth language through the centuries has been the people's love for poetry, and they have rare natural gift for versification.

"The Orthodox Greek church of Russia also has conducted an active program in Esthonia, but according to the latest religious census 99 per cent of the inhabitants are still Lutherans."

First Aid to Marriage.

Of what use is a diamond, anyway? Conservationists who are for cutting out all extravagance during the war are asking the question, says the Kansas City Star.

The answer, based upon statistics furnished by jewelers, seems to be that the diamond is most valuable as an aid to marriage. It is said that the trade in diamonds goes up or down in ratio with increasing or decreasing numbers of marriages. This is because the diamond is used so much as the setting in engagement rings.

Last year the United States imported \$34,000,000 worth of diamonds, an increase of 70 per cent over 1916 and 110 per cent over 1914.

Looking into this startling growth of the diamond trade it was discovered that, according to leading importers, "every girl expects a real diamond in pledge of pledged troth these days, and the growth of that custom, coupled with good times and an increase in the number of marriages, accounts for it."

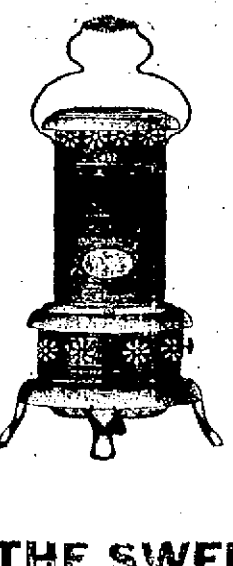
Meteors From the Moon.

Taking up an old theory of meteors, Emil Belot, French astronomer, has attempted to demonstrate that these bodies may have resulted from volcanic eruptions on the moon and other satellites of the solar system's planets. He finds that an initial velocity of projection comparable to that which has been observed in the eruption of Cotopaxi and only twice as great as that developed in artillery of the present war would be sufficient to carry a body free from the moon and he has made calculations of the speed of projection and other conditions that would cause such a body to become a satellite of the moon, of the earth, or of the sun.

Suggests a Hilarious Finish.

Most hilarious and mirthful would be the ending of the war under the scheme of a Henkier (N. H.) humanitarian. He would have all the Germans, the Kaiser included, laugh themselves to death, says the Boston Journal.

Briefly, the scheme is to spill a new kind of laughing gas, which the writer says he has invented, all over the German forces. The gas, according to the plan, can be carried over the German trenches in airplanes and dropped.



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KITTERY

Kittery, Jan. 1.—A union watch meeting was held on Monday evening at the Government Street Methodist church, beginning at 8.30, with a splendid address by Rev. F. J. Scott of the Portsmouth Methodist church. This service was in charge of Rev. Carl L. Nichols of the Christian church and was followed by a half hour intermission at the conclusion of which a symposium was held, the first question being "What the churches have meant to the men of Kittery during the past year, and what they may mean during the coming year?" The second question was the same substituting the word "women" for "men." This was an open session in charge of Rev. John F. Jenner, and both men and women testified. Another intermission was in order, and then followed a short consecration service, then ten minutes of quietness, five before and five after the midnight hour. During this time the church bell was rung. There was no special music, hymns being sung by all. There was a fair attendance.

The annual meeting of the Ladies Circle of the Second Christian church will be held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. James R. Philbrick of Whipple road. Election of officers will take place.

Constitutional Lodge, No. 38, K. of P., meets tonight.

James Gerry of Commercial street is restricted to the house by illness.

Velma Wendell and sister, Mrs. Martha Richards of Lynn, and George Wendell of Springfield, Mass., were called here by the death of Mr. George Wendell of Portsmouth, and have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wendell of Woodlawn avenue.

The regular midweek prayer service of the Second Christian church will be held tonight in the parlor of the church.

Mrs. Jessie Plamondon of Haverhill and Miss Harriet Ward of Bangor have been called here by the death of Elmer Hall.

Samuel Edwards of Main street is confined to the house by illness.

Miss Esther Rogers returned to Pawtucket, R. I., on Monday, after passing Christmas with her sister, Miss Mae Rogers.

The Riverside Reading Club will meet on Friday afternoon with Mrs. James Plamond of Whipple road.

Harry Swift is restricted to his home on Rogers road by illness.

Mrs. Chester Peabody and daughter Doris of Haverhill returned home today.

CHANGE OF TIMETABLE ON P. D. & Y. ST. RY.

EFFECTIVE DEC. 26

The following trips will be discontinued according to orders received to reduce coal consumption: Car leaving Portsmouth 10 a. m. for York Beach; car leaving York Village Postoffice at 6 a. m. for Portsmouth via P. K. & Y. division; car leaving York Beach at 11.30 a. m. for Portsmouth, via P. K. & Y. division.

The Kittery Point and Portsmouth cars will run only as far as Call's Trestle instead of Sea Point.

Cars will stop only at white poles through Kittery and Eliot.

By this change cars for Kittery Point will cross at Emery's instead of Champenowne Siding.

On account of the rebuilding of Hic's bridge and to conserve coal, beginning Dec. 31 all cars between Rosemary Junction and York Corner will be discontinued. All travel to York from Dover, South Berwick, and Eliot will be via Ferry Landing and Kittery Point. Cars for York will leave Ferry landing at 5.55 a. m. and every two hours until 5.55 p. m. Cars will leave York for Dover via Ferry Landing at 8.30 and every two hours until 10.30. The 10.30 p. m. runs only to Kittery Point car barn.

KITTERY POINT

Kittery Point, Jan. 1.—The regular Tuesday evening prayer meeting of the Baptist church will be held this evening at the vestry at 7.30.

Christian Endeavor prayer meeting of the First Christian church will be held at the home of Mrs. W. B. Emery this evening at 7.30. Topic, "Planning for the Future."

There will be a prayer meeting of the Congregational church held at the community house this evening.

The Union prayer meetings which will be held at the Baptist church, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings will begin at 7.30.

Miss Aileen Perrault of Rochester, N. H., arrived in town today to visit friends for a week.

Mrs. Morton Seaward is confined to her home with a severe cold.

Trapp Academy will reopen on Wednesday after the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Carrie Whitehouse has returned to her home in Lynn, Mass., after visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. John H. Mugridge of Pope's lane.

Ralph Bennett of New York recently made a short visit to his sister, Mrs. Webster Randall.

The marriage of Miss Emma Randall to Thornton Haverer took place today.

Rev. John A. Waterworth is able to be out after being confined to his home by illness.

W. S. Palmer of Salem, Mass., was a visitor in town today on business.

Miss Susie Seaward will be the hostess at the annual Christmas tree of the B. G. Club this evening.

NO REASON FOR SURPRISE

The senate committee on military affairs is making the discovery that the country is not even yet prepared to take a part in the European war. We are still largely unprepared. For one thing rifles are lacking; for another, machine guns are very short; for another, large guns are chiefly conspicuous by their absence. We have a good many men in cantonments, but we have not full equipment for them, and we have not the transportation to take them abroad. What transportation we have has not been altogether wisely used. It is discovered that there are men in office who do admirably in a small organization in peace times, but who are very much at sea with tasks on hand such as are now made necessary. But why go through the list of things, seeing that you know them all now?

But why should there be surprise? Major-General Wood has been saying these things for more than three years, and on account of what he has said has incurred much scold and made to

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The Government's Latest Move.

The government having taken over the control of the railroads, it will be interesting to note what effect the step will have on the fuel situation, which to date has not been satisfactory. This responsible position, and none can tell what the conditions would have been in the absence of what he and his associates in many parts of the country, and especially in New England, is beyond question and it is to be hoped this will now be forthcoming.

It is a most important step the government has taken in assuming control of the railroads of the country. The step, which had been under consideration for some time, is taken as a war measure, and how it will work out remains to be seen. The actual operation of the roads will, of course, remain in the hands of practical railroad men, but the general direction will be centered in Washington, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, President Wilson's son-in-law, being the man in charge. In these two positions his hands will be very full, but he will have able assistants to aid him in the detail work.

In spite of all that has been done in the way of freight "priority," coal being one of the commodities to which priority of shipment has been extended, Dr. Garfield admits that it has been impossible to accomplish all that was desired, and believes the coal operators are making more money than ever before. He says increased production has only added to the congestion of freight traffic, but Senator Vardaman of the investigating committee does not think all of the trouble lies in the lack of shipping facilities, and declares that the operators are simply "plundering and robbing the people."

This may or may not be so, but certain it is that with the railroads and the oversight of the coal business in the hands of the government it ought to be possible to remove the troubles that have existed and to insure an adequate supply of coal for all uses. It is sincerely to be hoped that this will be the outcome.

And if government operation of the railroads works out as it is expected to there will be a betterment of conditions in many directions. Already there is talk of a substantial increase in passenger fares for the purpose of discouraging travel that is not strictly necessary and thereby adding to the facilities for moving freight, which is the all-important desideratum just now, and will be until the close of the war.

It is too early to tell what the results of this most important step will be. Other undertakings have brought some disappointments, as is attested by Fuel Administrator Garfield, and it is possible that the handling of the railroads may bring to light some difficulties that have not been foreseen. It remains best under very trying conditions, and this the people may be trusted to do.

Walking is indeed a healthful exercise, as this paper has many times reminded its readers. Edward Payson Weston, the world's champion pedestrian, has reached the age of 78 years hale and hearty, and the chances are that he yet has a few more "astonishments" in his system.

"Knitting nerves" is said to be the latest trouble among the women. But most women are apt to have "nerves" of some kind, and probably "knitting nerves" will prove no worse than the numerous other varieties. And at least some good will come out of this brand of "nerves."

The sugar shortage is explained at last. The government thought the Allies needed the sugar more than the people of this country did and saw that they got it. But why would it not have been better to say so right at the start instead of beating about the bush?

Graft is something of which the big fellows do not have a monopoly. A quartermaster's clerk at a New York cantonment has been held for the action of the military authorities for arranging for a commission of 35 cents a pair on all of the army shoes repaired.

The British food controller declares that tobacco is not a luxury, but a necessity, both to the manual laborer and the man who works with his brains. How different from the talks our food mothers used to give us when we were boys!

The ice harvest begins early and the crop promises to be abundant. In fact, there is time enough for several crops. And yet there will probably be no lack of excuses for high prices next summer.

The cars on some trolley lines are so cold much of the time that if it were not for the heat "under their collars" the patrons would be decidedly uncomfortable.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The "What Is It?"
(From the Philadelphia Telegraph)
The question about recognizing the Bolsheviks is: What are we going to recognize them as?

Too Scant
(From the Brooklyn Standard Union)
Red tape might possibly serve as a bathing suit at Coney Island in the summer, but it makes poor winter clothing for a soldier.

Most Likely a Vulgar Fraction
(From the Auburn Citizen)
A female chorus attired in its "least common denominator" as stated in one of the New York papers, must be a very beautiful sight.

You Can Eat What You Canned
(From the Albany Journal)
We suppose then, inasmuch as Mr. Hoover already knows that there will be sugar shortage next year, there will not be repulsion of last summer's advice to preserve or can anything and everything within reach.

Double-Crossing the Bar
(From the Kansas City Journal)
Two thousand bartenders in Philadelphia have given notice that they are about to strike. One would suppose that with national prohibition looming up on the horizon bartenders would be glad to do all the work they can while there are bars to tend.

Moral Healthiness
(From the New York Times)
German moral standards and satisfactions are sometimes a little peculiarly interesting. Thus, a debate in the Prussian lower house having brought out the fact that 10 per cent of the wartime Prussian births are illegitimate, Dr. Engel, a Berlin City Councillor, writes "In Vorwärts that, 'paradoxical though it may seem, this great number of illegitimate children is evidence of the moral healthiness of the German race.' Why 'paradoxical?' It should be obvious in Prussia and Germany that what has happened is the supplanting of 'slave morality' by 'master morality.' In the sixteenth century the greatest theologians, Luther and Melancthon, thought bluntness was all right for Philip of Hesse. Toward the close of the eighteenth century William II's moral healthiness. He had a wife living. He had a mistress. The moralists of the Consistory consented to two successive additions to his moral paraphernalia and establishment, two successive Frauleins.

The present moral healthiness of the German race has come down to them from high authority and example.

Business Methods Needed
(From the Milwaukee Sentinel)
All of the dry rot and circumlocution office stupidity will have to be cleaned out at Washington if the country is to get the worth of its money in the shape of expedition and efficiency and a thoroughly equipped army of a million men in France ready for business when the time comes, for Uncle Sam to go "over the top."

Many things have been done well in that direction, marvelously well, red tape and routinized and human turpitudes in places where live practical executive men were needed, considered. But with the human equation neglected by the substitution of live men for departmental and cabinet vegetables, many things will be done far better.

Fortunately it appears that General Pershing's protest and the eye-opening furnished by this Senate committee investigation will result in getting action.

The country with the welfare of Uncle Sam's boys in France and going to France deeply at heart insists upon it.

Get the big practical men of affairs, of whom this driving country has a plenty, in the big jobs. Efficient organization means efficient men, and a game is not won with a handful of incompetents.

The People Are to Blame
(From the Houston Post)
It makes little difference what the investigations reveal, the people of the United States are responsible for all the blunders and failures, all the waste and extravagance, all the delay and unpreparedness.

Colonel Roosevelt says: "Some of the fault for the present situation is due to the shortcomings of individuals during the last ten months, but the major part is due to our failure as a nation to embark on the policy of preparedness three and a half years ago."

The Colonel is right in this statement, but he stops short of the truth when he speaks of "our failure as a nation to embark on the policy of preparedness three and a half years ago." Surely, Colonel Roosevelt, the nation erred in not embarking upon a policy of preparedness three and a half years ago; also five years ago while Mr. Taft was President.

And also, Colonel, ten years ago when you were President.

The Colonel praises Senator Chamberlain's bill providing universal obligatory military service for all the young men of the nation.

If Colonel Roosevelt during his tenure had gotten that policy through, wouldn't the situation have been greatly different now?

that the people would have rebelled and defeated them.
We cannot blame our present plight upon President Wilson, Mr. Taft, Colonel Roosevelt or even upon Congress. The people themselves are to blame, and whatever the consequences of our unpreparedness may be, the people must assume the responsibility and pay the penalties of it.

Wanted—A Real War Council
(From the Philadelphia Public Ledger)
For many months Admiral Fiske has been taking every opportunity to voice his conviction that a great aerial offensive with torpedo planes and bombs upon the German fleets massed at Kiel and Wilhelmshaven is a measure of the first importance to economy of time and losses in the winning of the war. Admiral Fiske is well known as an officer of studious vision and great professional ability. He is one whose name always comes to mind when one looks for a successor to Mahan. Throughout a long service he appears to have escaped the deadly bacillus of bureaucratic routine and to have remained ever constructive in his views and fearless in their presentation.

Roosevelt and our other crusaders of preparedness went unheeded before the war—unheeded even up to the moment of America's tardy entrance into the war. By some they are unheeded even today. Is there the horrible possibility that suggestions like those of Admiral Fiske may not be receiving full, open-minded consideration and being weighed and accepted or rejected, as they merit? We hope not. But until the President shall have surrounded himself with a real War Council, with whom all it will be physically possible for every problem to receive deliberate consideration, the uncomfortable possibility that great national advantages may go by default will continue to haunt the public mind.

Why We Were Unprepared
(From the Tucson Citizen)
The neglect of preparation for war goes back further than any conflict of responsibility in which the statements of either General Crozier or Secretary Baker can throw much light. It goes back to a state of mind in the White House which was accurately indicated in these remarks in the message of President Woodrow Wilson to the Congress on Dec. 8, 1914, four months after the world war had begun:
"It is said in some quarters that we are not prepared for war. What is meant by being prepared? Is it meant that we are not ready upon brief notice to put a nation in the field, a nation of men trained to arms? Of course we are not ready to do that; and we never shall be in time of peace so long as we retain our present political principles and institutions. And what is it that it is suggested we should be prepared to do? To defend ourselves against attack? We have always found means to do that and shall find them whenever it is necessary without calling our people away from their necessary tasks to render compulsory military service in time of peace."
We are at peace with all the world. No one who speaks counsel based on fact or drawn from a just and candid interpretation of realities can say that there is reason to fear that from any quarter our independence or the integrity of our territory is threatened. Dread of the power of any other nation we are incapable of.

The subject is not new. There is no need to discuss it. We shall not alter our attitude toward it because some among us are nervous and excited.
Let there be no misconception. The country has been misled. We have not been negligent of national defense. We have not been unmindful of the great responsibilities resting upon us.

This state of mind lasted long after the date specified above. It lasted long and operated disastrously. We are not bringing up the old, undeniable, inescapable fact for the purpose of criticizing President Wilson or reproaching him. He thought he was right, but he was wrong. Many patriotic Americans knew he was wrong at the very time when he thought himself right. Theodore Roosevelt knew the President was wrong, and was accused of partisan politics and personal ambition for saying so plainly. Leonard Wood knew it, and did what he could to prevent the drift. Consequences of the mistake, Lindsey M. Garrison, in Mr. Wilson's own cabinet, knew his chief was wrong, and Newton D. Baker, who did not know it then, but knows it now, sits in Garrison's place.

Sheep-herding De Luxe
(From the Atlantic Constitution)
On the cattle ranges of the west in an earlier day, a stock comment with reference to a particularly disagreeable or intransigent task or calling was "Id as soon herd sheep!"
In the cattleman's or cowboy's conception the good Lord never ennobled his mundane footstool with a human species more mental or lowly, more contemptible or more to be despised of men than that of the genus "sheep-herder." A man who would herd sheep!

Good, honest fellows, they were, most of them, faithful, fearless, hured to all manner of hardships.
But—they were "sheep-herders!"
They "herded" for cattlemen or horse men, and it used to be axiomatic that sheep and other cattle or horses will not harmonize on a range.
Therefore, when a sheepman—regardless of his motives, his rights or his intentions, suffered his bleating and close-cropping flocks to encroach upon the self-appropriate precincts of a cattle or horseman, a "range war" was

INTERESTING LETTER FROM FRANCE

Bailey V. Emery of This City Has Exciting Experience.

The following is an extract from a letter written December 10 by Mr. H. V. Emery of this city. Mr. Emery is driving the Deputy Commissioner for Belgian Relief of the American Red Cross:
Dear Family:
Last night at 7 o'clock I returned to Havre from my first trip in the real front. Aside from one blow-out and one puncture the trip went very smoothly; and I was very thankful as facilities for making repairs are very limited and poor.

We stopped the first night in Calais and were royally welcomed about 5.30 the next morning by an intense and long sustained (an hour and ten minutes) Boche air raid. They managed to sink two or three ships that were in dock, kill and wound a good many people and generally make life very uncomfortable. Two bombs exploded within a couple of hundred feet of where I was sleeping, and of course the glass in the window went by the board in a great crash. I cannot honestly say that I was frightened. It was probably because I was too excited. The noise sounded exactly like an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration at Hampton Beach. There was much running about in the streets, and the whir of the motors from the aeroplanes and ambulances added to the confusion. From Calais we went into Belgium and there I saw the first real evidences of total devastation. It gave one somewhat of a queer sensation to pass a corner where there was a sign: "This corner occasionally shelled; troops should not halt here;" and then five minutes later hear the whee-ee-ee of a Boche shell passing overhead followed by the crash of its explosion a hundred yards in the rear. It was absolutely no place for a nervous man. There are no civilians living in these little Belgian villages, each house is either totally destroyed or partly demolished. Everywhere are great rough scars in the ground—telegraph wires dangle aimlessly from the poles or else are strewn with the poles along the side of the road. And everywhere is a feeling of lurking horror and desolation which is completely depressing. Even the soldiers move about their tasks and fearfully, as if they expected to come across something suddenly which would paralyze them with fear. I saw a group of French sentries in action and there was a snap and precision and life to the movement of the soldiers and the recoil of the guns which helped to cheer one up; and to make one feel a little less like being literally in the land of the living dead.

All this occurred just before a blood red sun sank behind the Flanders dunes; and dusk did not help to dispel my depression. In the gathering darkness some French infantry in heavy marching order, on their way to the trenches, plodded by, a dark mass of grey-blue against the winter sky. They were talking very quietly among themselves and were marching without any enthusiasm or spirit, do, corp—just marching; guns slung in which ever way seemed to the mind of each most comfortable and least burdensome. And on the face of every man, was such a look of fate and blind despair that it made your blood run cold. Three years of that is a long time.

The probable consequences, with "pun-cher" arrayed against "herder." And many a follower of either vocation, came to his boot-heels and as loyal to his "boss," has bitten the alkali—died "with his boots on"—and left his bones to bleach on the prairie in the "cause" of range-mastery.
In those days sheep-herders walked for which fact alone, as things went in those days, they richly deserved—as they received—every self-respecting "broncho-buster's" highest contempt!

But times have changed. The range has changed (it is now mostly either "under the ditch" or "dry-farming") the cowboy of a few short years ago is either something else today, or has himself greatly changed with the times and the range.
And we read in a far Western exchange a news item which says that a sheepman of Boise, Id.,—
"who has 70,000 sheep grazing out on the ranges, has found the automobile a valuable adjunct even to sheepherding. He has found that the best means of keeping his flock superintendents in touch with their flocks at all times is to provide them with high-powered, durable cars. He recently bought four automobiles of a standard make for the use of himself and his chief shepherders. Sheep-herding in automobiles! From cowhide boots to touring cars! Shades of 'Lazy-K Pete' and 'Sear face Mattingly!' What next!

How 'the world do move'—and the popularity of the motor car with it!

The Huns Know Their Friends
(From the Springfield Union)
It should be immensely gratifying to William Randolph Hearst to find himself lauded in the German press as one who "in his many newspapers declares frankly that the United States is fighting England's battles," and it should be both flattering and pleasing to

source that his election was "a moral box on Mr. Wilson's ear." The German newspapers are very frank in naming the men in this country they regard as warm friends of the Kaiser, the list being led by Senator La Follette and including, besides Hearst and Hyman, Senators Stone, Hardwick and Gronna.

German in Our Schools
(From the Detroit Free Press)

The question as to whether German shall continue to be taught in our schools seems to be still agitating school boards; particularly in upstate sections. There would appear to be better reasons for its continuance than for dispensing with the study. It is necessary to take broad views of many present issues, considering them from the standpoint of the future rather than of the immediate present.

When the war is over, Germany will not be wiped off the map, nor the German language cease to be spoken. We shall need to know it as much as ever when business and commercial relationships are resumed, as they eventually will be. Because we are at war with a nation is but a childish excuse for ignoring its language or the great literature and music it has produced in its past. If Americans had possessed a more widespread knowledge of German there could not have been the misapprehension of German ambitions, as indicated in Germany's recent literature, nor the circulation of pro-German views of American aims and attitude among the Germans in this country who read only their own language which has misled so many.

Reading a newspaper in a foreign tongue is in the nature of a task to the American, even if he knows the language "a little." And the task been easier, much disloyal even seditious matter would have been suppressed.

We have been a people of one language—our own. We are too much inclined to consider it the only one. There are few foreigners who do not speak at least one and often several languages aside from their own. To be proficient in half a dozen tongues is not at all an unusual accomplishment in the Old World. With us, such knowledge, if possessed at all, is of the kind addressed to workmen.

Ignorance is nothing of which we have occasion to be proud. Linguistic disabilities have hampered our trade relations with the Latin republics of our own hemisphere. We should not "cut out" German; we might better dispense with a few frills and "cut in" more languages.

(From the Boston Herald)
We Are Changing, Too

When we comment on the revolutionary changes which have come to pass in Russia, the one of which we cannot to any extent foresee, do we recall as we should the extraordinary transitions under way in our own country? If this war lasts as long with us as it has lasted with the Russians, who could say that the changes effected here would be less momentous and far-reaching in their consequences?

Suppose we should emerge from the war with government ownership of all public utilities firmly established; with woman suffrage accepted as the order of the day, and with prohibition clamped down upon us with the authority of the nation? Would not these be changes almost as radical as those which Russia has known? And ought might be only the beginning.

There is coal. Why should not the government own and operate the mines as well as the railroads which perform the function of conveyance? There is copper, in the highest degree pivotal to our expanding needs in war and in peace. Is the new order to allow John D. Rockefeller to monopolize that when all the people, through the government, might borrow the money of him with which to do the monopolizing themselves? And his money might be extorted by methods not wholly pleasing to him.

Where are all these forces once set into motion likely to stop? Somebody will say that we must not take the war too seriously; that after it is over affairs will resume their normal way. Perhaps. But there is no such thing as taking an amendment to the constitution too seriously. If thirty-six states now ratify the prohibition amendment it could never be repealed. Any thirteen states, of small population, would suffice to prevent such a reversal of the judgment now expressed. We should realize the far-reaching character of any such change once made in the basic law of the land.

The world is clearly going through one of its great periods. The war is accentuating sociological tendencies already at work among men. It is subverting society to so severe a strain that old institutions are crumbling. What will follow? It will be interesting to live in the years following the war. They should be constructive in the highest degree, because the war itself—more than any other event of recent history—is destined to deserve the characterization "epoch-making."

SMALL UNITED STATES PATROL BOAT SUNK
Washington, Jan. 1.—The Navy Department announced last night the sinking of a small patrol boat off the Atlantic coast yesterday. The crew was rescued and no one was reported injured.

MAYOR LADD RECEIVES LETTER ON REGISTRATION

Attorney General Writes on Subject of German Aliens.

"Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., December 28, 1917.

"To His Honor the Mayor:
"Sir—I have the honor to inform you that the President has issued a Proclamation, dated Nov. 18, 1917, containing among other regulations in relation to German alien enemies, and requiring their registration, reading as follows:

"15. All alien enemies are hereby required to register at high times and places and in such manner as may be fixed by the Attorney General of the United States, and the Attorney General is hereby authorized and directed to provide, as speedily as may be practicable, for registration of all alien enemies and to make and declare such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary for effecting such registration; and all alien enemies and all other persons are hereby required to comply with such rules and regulations; and the Attorney General in carrying out such registration is hereby authorized to utilize such agents, agencies, officers and departments of the United States and of the several states, territories, dependencies and municipalities thereof and of the District of Columbia as he may select for the purpose, and all such agents, agencies, officers and departments are hereby granted full authority for all acts done by them in the execution of this regulation when acting by the direction of the Attorney General. After the date fixed by the Attorney General for such registration, an alien enemy shall not be found within the limits of the United States, its territories or possessions, without having his registration card on his person.

"I feel that the registration of such persons in your City as are required to be registered as German alien enemies can be most promptly and efficiently carried out by your police department.

The plan contemplated is to have the German alien enemies fill out the registration affidavits at the police stations in your city, and there receive registration cards. This Department will furnish all necessary affidavits, cards and other forms and issue instructions for the work.

"I trust to hear of your very early compliance that you have instructed your police department to administer the details of this registration under the general supervision and direction of the Department of Justice. Meanwhile you will not have your Chief of Police immediately forward to the United States Marshal in your district as accurate an estimate as possible of the number of German alien enemies in your community?

"In view of the material assistance which this work will render to the success of the country in the war, I am relying upon your whole-hearted cooperation in its performance.

"Respectfully,
"T. W. GREGORY,
"Attorney General."

NAVY YARD NOTES

Fire at New York Yard.
Fire occurred on Monday at New York Navy Yard. Shortly after the alarm was sounded—shutters from the barracks were stationed every ten feet around the yard and workmen were forbidden to enter or leave during the ensuing 30 minutes. At the end of that time the sentries were withdrawn. Information regarding the blaze was refused by the navy yard officials, inquirers being referred to the government department at Washington.

Only Few Worked.
The local yard generally observed the holiday today. Other than a dozen men on urgent work the Industrial Department was practically closed.

Tea Parties.
Mrs. Robert Farrell, wife of Lieut. Robert Farrell, and Mrs. A. K. Fogg, wife of Civil Engineer Fogg, are entertaining with a New Year's tea party at the yard this afternoon.

Now in the Navy.
Henry and Morris Fletcher, formerly of this city, recently located in Charlestown, Mass., have entered the service of the reserve navy.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Petitions in bankruptcy have been filed with the clerk of the United States court by the following: Fred A. Lane, Concord, liabilities \$2,395, no assets; Fred W. Long, Nashua, liabilities \$352.88, assets \$115; Katherine J. Martin, Manchester, liabilities \$1,531, assets \$179.

AVOID FIRES

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PORTSMOUTH BOY TAKES BRIDE AT MANCHESTER

Corp. Stephen A. Gray United
in Marriage to Miss Bertha
Frances Gould at Full
Military Wedding.

A military wedding of much interest, and for which many invitations had been issued, took place at high noon Monday at the First Universalist church, Manchester, when Miss Bertha Frances Gould, daughter of Mrs. Frances E. Graves, of 91 Blodgett street, Manchester, became the bride of Corporal Stephen Aubrey Gray, U. S. A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Gray of 167 Lincoln avenue, this city.

The church was attractively decorated with ropes of laurel festooned and interwoven into an arch, pendant from which was a huge wedding bell of green studded with pink roses. The flag was conspicuous in the general scheme.

Rev. Arnold S. Yantis, pastor of the church, officiated and the wedding march and supplementary music was played by Mrs. Pearl Woodbury Fitzpatrick.

Corporal Gray in uniform was attended by his brother, Alfred E. Gray, instructor of French at St. Paul's school, Concord, and the bride by her sister, Miss Bertha Katherine Gould. The ceremony was followed by an informal reception, the ushers being Charles W. Gray of Portsmouth, brother of the bridegroom and Allan Carr of Manchester.

Corporal and Mrs. Gray in the afternoon left for a brief wedding trip at the conclusion of which Mrs. Gray will return here to reside and Corporal Gray will report for duty at Macon, Ga. Appropriate remembrance gifts were presented the attendants and to his bride Corporal Gray gave a gold wrist watch.

Corporal Gray is a member of Battery D, Eighth Regiment Field Artillery, U. S. Army. Following his enlistment he was stationed at Fort Totten, New York, for two months and for six months has been at Fort Sill, Okla., and is to report back to Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga., where the battery has been sent pending the overseas trip. For six years previous to enlisting in the army, the bridegroom was employed by the A. A. Mooney Furniture Co., of Manchester. The bride is employed by the R. G. Dunn Mercantile Agency and will continue in business until her husband returns. Both of the young people are members of the First Universalist church, Manchester, and active in its affairs. Corporal Gray being president of the Young People's Christian Union and his bride the corresponding secretary. The young people have the best wishes of their many friends in this city and Manchester, for a long and happy married life.

THE HERALD HEARS

That the water wagon had a big load of passengers today.

That the occupants of the cold water vehicle insisted that the driver take a trip over into the bone dry zone of Maine.

That the looked for surprises at city hall did not take place.

That the returns made by the clergy shows they are doing their bit and there is as much knitting going on as there is knitting.

That the present councilmen are said to be much in favor of a new central fire station.

That the ground hog can have it any way he wishes but he cannot make us believe that there is much more winter to come.

That the Spanish-American War Veterans put out their service flag this afternoon.

That the B. & M. officials say the public must be treated different when seeking information.

That the Cowles case was resumed before Judge Allen in the superior court at 9 this morning.

That there was disappointment apparent when the court cleared the room of spectators on Monday.

That the lovers of speedway work would like to see some of these reported fast steeds that are locked up in the several stables about town taken out and harnessed up for a run.

That one of the new councilmen made an inspection of the city hall for the first time today. He admits he met with surprises.

That he promised to come back later, officially, and give it the once-over from top to bottom.

WAR RISK INSURANCE FOR Lighthouse Service

The treasury department has ad-

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Used Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce that the personnel of the lighthouse service transferred to the service and jurisdiction of the war and navy departments by executive order, are within the terms of the war risk insurance act of October 6, 1917.

This decision was rendered by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, after submitting the matter for the views of the Judge Advocate General of the war department and will apply to over 1100 officers and employees of the lighthouse service who have been transferred to the service of the war and navy departments by the President's order.

MELLEN NOT LOOKING FOR THE POSITION

Stockbridge, Mass., Dec. 31.—Former President Charles S. Mellen of the N. Y. N. H. & H. railroad company, who it was rumored Saturday would be chosen head of the New England lines by Secretary Mead, said last evening:

"It's the first time I have heard of the report and I doubt very much if it is true. I'm only a countryman, living to forget railroads and railroading. You may say for me as emphatically as you like that I am not looking for a job. I have had no communication with Mr. Mead or any one representing him. The story looks to me like the dream of a rumor monger."

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

L. H. Shattuck of Manchester was here today.

Mrs. E. D. Stoddard returned to Manchester today.

Meyer Alkon of Market street is on a business trip to New York.

Charles W. Gray of Lincoln avenue passed the holiday with friends in Salem, Mass.

Miss Marguerite Stoddard returned to Manchester this morning after a week's stay here.

Mrs. H. C. Taylor and two children who have been passing the holidays in Haverhill returned on Monday.

Superintendent W. A. Hadgdon was reported by the attending physician as slightly better this morning.

Mrs. H. D. Magee wife of Paymaster Magee gave a New Year's tea this afternoon at their residence on Miller avenue.

Fred Worden of 51 Park street has returned from St. Johns, N. B., called there by the death of his sister, Mrs. Klenstead.

Oren Quimby of the Newburyport News passed the holiday here and made a visit to his former associates in The Herald staff.

Commander M. H. Bell of Storer Post No. 1, G. A. R., is restricted to his home by illness. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

Mrs. Mamie Gannon and young daughter of Niagara Falls, arrived on Sunday to pass the remainder of the winter with her father, R. S. Chapman of Cutts street.

Mrs. John Howard and daughter Margaret Howard of Wilmington, Mass., who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Howard of Lincoln avenue, returned home on Sunday.

Sergeant C. Colgate Fish has arrived home from Camp Devens after being quarantined with the measles. Mr. Fish will remain here until January 12 when he will leave for Cornell to enter the aviation corps.

George N. Dawson, who has been the driver of the parcel post team, concluded his duties on Saturday night and on Wednesday leaves for Fort Williams, Portland, Me., to join the last quota that went from this city.

Justin McCarthy, who is employed as a civil engineer on a big piece of construction work in New Brunswick has been passing the holiday season in this city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCarthy of Union street.

A telegram from Frank B. Leavitt, Los Angeles, Calif., today announced that he was able to be at the station to meet Mrs. Leavitt. He has left the hospital and is making rapid recovery. Mr. Leavitt found that the Elks there were appalled of his being at the hospital and they made many calls.

Ralph W. Knox of Portsmouth has been appointed advertising manager of the Columbia Graphophone Co. He comes to this office from the important position of assistant general sales and advertising manager of the American Chicle Co., chewing gum manufacturers where he has had a record of unqualified success. He is the son of the late John H. Knox; his mother, Abbie A. Knox, resides with his sister, Susan Ricker Knox, the well-known portrait artist in New York. Mr. Knox married Miss Florence Jewett, daughter of Dr. E. M. Jewett.

EAT POTATOES. NEVER MIND COST

Washington, Jan. 1.—The Irish potato on every table in America every day in the year is the object of a campaign begun today by the United States food administration. Grocers will be asked to inaugurate a "potato day" each week, selecting whatever day is

slack in deliveries and making a special price. Fairly regular purchases are to be urged on the public, so that distribution will be equal everywhere for the next five or six months, relieving railroad congestion and encouraging production of a larger crop next spring.

Improvements in potato growing methods are being studied by the department of agriculture. Germany plants twice as many potatoes as the United States and gets more than twice as many bushels per acre. "Germany's wise use of potatoes helps to hold out against the allies," the food administrator says in urging that the enemy's own methods be turned against them.

OBITUARY

Arthur T. Patch

The sad news has been received here of the death at the Newport Naval Hospital of Arthur T. Patch of this city, who died Saturday of spinal meningitis, aged 23 years.

The young man enlisted last July in the navy for the duration of the war and was assigned to the U. S. S. Baltimore. He was taken sick a week or more ago and ordered to the Newport Naval Hospital. He was a young man who was exceptionally well liked, a boy with a friendly word for everybody and he leaves a host of friends to mourn his loss.

He is survived by his mother of this city, three sisters, Mrs. Joseph A. Altman of New York, Mrs. Charles Pike and Mrs. Roy Manning of this city and one brother, Joseph G. Patch also of this city.

The body will be brought here for interment and the funeral will be announced later.

John J. Hartwell

John J. Hartwell died late Monday afternoon at the home of his grandson, Albert Longman on State street after a long illness. He leaves two sons, James T. of Albany, N. Y., and David of this city.

Mrs. Mary Bawe

Mrs. Mary Bawe, wife of Andrew Bawe, died Monday afternoon at her home on Thornton street, aged 62 years. She leaves a husband, one brother, John Cliff of Ireland, and a sister, Mrs. Bridget Shea of Salem.

ORGANIZATION GOES INTO NEW QUARTERS

The Modern Woodmen of America have moved into the hall over Bennett & McCarthy's place, known as the backable hall, having leased the same for the coming year.

This organization has been steadily growing for the last two years and has a large number of men in the different branches of the service, a large number having enlisted in the navy, and it is expected that there will be a service flag unfurled in the near future in honor of these men.

The following officers were recently elected:

Consul—E. W. Loring.
Past Consul—H. C. Moody.
Advisor—Philip Halpin.
Clerk—Clyde C. Robie.
Banker—W. G. Corbin.
Escort—E. H. St. Clair.
Physician—M. A. Higgins.
Watchman—B. A. DeCoste.
Sentry—W. C. Clifford.
Trustees—Philip Halpin, H. C. Moody.

The M. W. of A. held many social whist parties last winter and expect to have a few before spring, also a ladies auxiliary will be having social parties where all may enjoy the evening, so when you hear of a whist party at Woodman's hall go up and have a good time.

ARE YOU GOING SOMEWHERE— OR ONLY WANDERING AROUND

New Year's resolutions are no joke. If you make some good ones and keep them you will probably end up the year in better health and with more money in your pocket than you now have. If any man thinks it is a joke let him laugh and show his ignorance. It is all right to sit down with the boys and join in the joshing about New Year's resolutions—but the "wise guy" is the one who goes right ahead just the same and lives up to the "rules of life" that he knows are good for him.

There is nothing like having a policy and rigidly following it. This is true of individuals, business and government.—The Editor, Army and Navy Magazine.

FORMER RESIDENT DEAD.

John H. Melnerth, formerly of this city, died recently at his home in Newark, N. J. He was born in Portsmouth, N. H., in 1854, and was the son of the late Carl Melnerth of this city. He came to Newburyport at an early age and attended the public schools here. After leaving school he entered the photographic business with his father on the corner of State and Pleasant streets in the Poor block, and finally entered in partnership with his brother Charles A. Melnerth.

They did some of the finest work of that time, and had studios in a number of large cities. At his death he was engaged in the piano business in Newark, N. J.

He leaves a wife and son, Frank in Newark; two brothers, Charles A. in the West and George G. Melnerth of this city, besides several nephews and nieces. His many friends here will be sorry to learn of his death.

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COWARDICE OF MEN FOR DRAFT

Various stories are in circulation about young men who are accused of bringing about injury to their persons in order to evade military service. These young men will find Portsmouth a pretty poor place to live in after the war is over.

The Herald man was told of a young man who is neglecting a temporary disability in order that he may fall to pass.

Read the Want Ads.

CARD OF THANKS.

The members of Kearsarge Engine Co. No. 3 desire to express their thanks in this public manner to Mr. George W. Downing, Mrs. Sherman Newton, Mr. Ira Brown, Rowe & Youdy and others for hot coffee, etc., furnished at the Y. M. C. A. fire Monday morning, and we appreciate their kindness.

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Wishes to thank the many friends of good reading in and about Portsmouth for a patronage during the past year which has shown a flattering growth. For a Christmas trade, for a volume of business during December, and for a year's turnover, which in each instance has been over 25% in advance of last year, which was the best year up to that time.

"The Acorn" wishes also to each person in and about this city the most happy and prosperous year during 1918 in the history of "The Old Town by the Sea."

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GERMANS RENEW ATTACKS ON CAMBRAI

After Violent Bombardment and Liquid Fire They Gain Trench But are Driven Out--French Helping Out in Northern Italy.

(By Associated Press)

Although deep snow covers the ground on the western front in France, bitter fighting has been in progress in the Cambrai district where Sunday the Germans after a bitter assault captured a British trench only to be driven out of it later by the brilliant attack of General Haig's men.

Monday they again set forth after a heavy bombardment to capture Welsh ridge, which offers a splendid advantage point of observation. Over a front of 1200 yards, they attacked with liquor fire and for a time they gained a trench but their impure was short. The British after a particular savage assault, drove them out and back down the ridge. On the other parts the advance was met with a withering fire which broke down the assault and inflicted very heavy casualties.

Asido from this battle there has been very little operations on the west front.

On the northern Italian front there has been violent artillery fire especially around Mount Tomba. Here the troops under a perfect rain of shells have been fighting close enough to use

hand grenades. It is in this section that the French are lending aid and in an assault of Sunday they captured important positions, took 1400 prisoners, 60 machine guns, and seven large guns.

From Joffa eastward General Allenby's forces in the Palestine have been driving back the Turks.

The advent of the new year finds the United States and the Entente allies confident of the success of their arms.

The peace terms of the Central Powers given at the Bolshevik peace convention, have not officially reached the Entente Powers of the United States, but an English paper said that when they did arrive the British Premier would give it a serious and reasonable answer, but not until all of the allies had been consulted.

That the British Premier David Lloyd George is optimistic about the outcome of the war is evident from his new year greeting to the Viceroy of India, when he said: "Before the end of the new year there is every indication that the object for which we are making the great struggle will have been attained."

GERMAN INVENTIONS

With the French armies in the field, by mail, probably the world's record for death-trap trenchery was established by the Germans in their forced retreat from the Alsace.

Thanks to their previous knowledge of snare usually left behind a retreating German army to catch the unwary, French troops maneuvered with slightest loss, but through no fault of the enemy. Scattered everywhere in abandoned dugouts, trenches, houses, studios, wire entanglements and on roads were concealed a conglomerate of cunningly arranged slaughter traps without parallel in civilized warfare.

Dugouts freshly abandoned were found literally filled with traps. A long narrow branch, baited with a quoniam would, if removed, produce an explosion in the shelter a few moments later. An innocent looking book on a table would detonate a charge if touched. Coal in conveniently filled buckets proved on examination, to be

literally mixed with high explosives. Stovepipes were charged to blow up if a fire was started.

Wires Unsuspected.

Telephone wires seemingly leading to a connecting room were in reality wires connecting a hidden mine which blew up if the wires were touched. Nails driven in walls were equally dangerous if anything came into contact with them. A shovel leaning against a wall connected wires with explosives. A chair would blow up if sat in. Various objects casually lying about—tools, pieces of metal, helmets, fragments of shells, artificial flowers and all kinds of apparently abandoned souvenirs were murder traps.

To open the door of a dugout or to push aside some branches or a sack placed there to obscure the doorway would detonate a carefully prepared charge. Window weights were hung so they would fall on a box of dynamite if disturbed. Nails were driven on stairways so as to be literally triggers for mines.

To Explode Buried Mines
In the trenches abandoned pieces of clothing or equipment of most any kind connected with grenades; harm-

less looking telephone wire exploded buried mines, the barbed wire of barricades was on high-tension contact with heavy explosives, and many other cunning traps were laid for the unwary.

Barbed wire entanglements in some cases were found cunningly camouflaged so as to be difficult to distinguish, and when tripped over became a veritable ambush.

Roads that appeared in perfect condition were examined and found to conceal many traps. One trick consisted of a chamber under the roadway with a very thin roof. A heavy shell was placed in the chamber so that the detonator was touched when a weight passed over the spot. Another trap was arranged to allow troops to pass safely but would blow up when an automobile, gun or transport wagon passed. Entire cases of explosives were found buried a few inches under roadbeds.

Sign of Danger Spot

Experience has proved that when the Germans leave a private house or public building intact it is usually a danger spot. Here explosions are retarded by means of clocks, which some times tick away for more than a week before they set off the fatal charge. Small mines are liberally hidden in floors, ceilings and walls. Many times a fuse is suspended in the chimney so that it will eventually be ignited and communicate the spark to a concealed mine. Sometimes a picture is left tilted on a wall, with the Teutonic hope that some person disposed to neatness will set it straight.

Proof is not lacking, it has been learned, that the enemy has contaminated wells on the western front, and that he has left poison behind him in the guise of food.

A complete record and study of German murder traps has been transmitted to the headquarters of the American army in France.

EIGHTY-SIX BELOW ZERO IN ALASKA

Dawson, Y. T., Jan. 1.—Eighty-six below zero is the record for this season for the recent cold which began several weeks ago. This was at the mouth of Polly river, 150 miles up the Yukon river from here. At White Horse 72 below has been recorded.

The thermometers in Dawson have registered between 50 and 60 below for a month. Hospitals are crowded with pneumonia cases and many deaths have occurred. No funerals are possible until the weather moderates.

COLD WAVE STILL WITH US

The promised break in the cold wave did not materialize Monday, for while it did come up during the middle of the day with nightfall there was a rapid drop and at eight o'clock it was below zero on the square.

The temperature continued to drop and at one o'clock this morning the police reported it was from twelve to fourteen below in various parts of the city and still going down.

BUSH TERMINALS FOR THE ARMY

Washington, Dec. 31.—The Bush terminals at New York have been taken over for the use of the army. General Goethals acting head of the quarter-master announced today.

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DRAFT BOARDS MUST USE COMMON SENSE

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 1.—Local draft boards have been instructed by Provost Marshal General Crowder to use "common sense and sympathy in the facts of each individual case," in determining what would be adequate support for dependents of a man registered for war service.

Many boards have indicated doubt as to what should be done, when it appears that a soldier's pay and war risk allowance will provide support for dependents whose claims otherwise would entitle the registrant to deferred classification. In a message made public tonight General Crowder said:

"Reasonably adequate support cannot be determined by a rule of thumb, but must be determined with common sense and sympathy in the facts of each individual case. What would be adequate support in one locality or in one set of circumstances might not be adequate support in another."

"The question of adequate support must be determined by the boards after careful consideration of the interests of the dependents on the one hand and of the government on the other, and with the present classification scheme is designed to raise our armies with a minimum of hardship and suffering to those who are left at home."

To clear up doubts existing on other points, General Crowder gave the following supplementary instructions:

"First—Sub Division A, class 1, is the residual class for registrants whose wives and children are mainly dependent on them for support, and this applies to a widower whose own children are mainly dependent upon him for support."

"Second—If a registrant has both a wife and child but there are such other sources of support available that the removal of the registrant will not deprive the dependents of reasonably adequate support he is to be placed in sub-division A, or Class 2."

"Third—If a registrant has a wife, but no children and there are such other sources of support available that the removal of the registrant will not deprive the wife of reasonably adequate support he goes into class 1, as not being included in any other division of the schedule."

TEAMS TO SHARE IN WORLD'S SERIES

(By Associated Press)

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Teams finishing in the first four places in the National and American leagues will share next year in the world series profits, according to an agreement reached here today by the American and National league managers. Under the new schedule players in the world series will get \$2,000 each on the winning side, and \$1,000 each for the loser, and the other players will get a percentage to be figured out.

REPORT BY U. S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—A bird's eye of business made public today by the United States Chamber of Commerce shows that extraordinary and abnormal demands made upon everyone from farm boy to corporation head have left the nation steady and with heavy reserves coming up for the new year. The report is made by the chamber's permanent committee of statistical experts of which Archer Wall Douglas of St. Louis is chairman.

The attitude of the business world towards the future, runs the report, seems to depend more upon local conditions than upon any general sentiment. In those sections where the crops were poor there is a great deal of natural conservatism and caution in the commensurate of the buyers generally prefers to await the results of the coming crops.

In some sections of the east there is more or less of this same hesitation and doubt, despite much industrial activity, and apparently because of drastic economy among the machineing public, also the pinch of the high cost of living, and the realization that all of war's burdens are yet to be felt. In general, however, in the larger portion of the country the buying power of the many is greater and more widespread than ever before, so that the general view seems to be a sustained confidence, tempered by a realization that no one can possibly divine what the future holds in store for us, and consequently all purchasing is for need and wants with the element of speculation almost entirely eliminated. Apparently the general volume of business seems assured at something like its present attitude during the coming winter months.

The following extracts are sufficient to bring out the most important parts of the report.

Agriculture

The corn crop, greater in yield than ever before, has the disadvantage of much soft corn in the central west, and in portions of the Southwest and the Northwest. This is due to an unusually early and severe frost in Sept. and subsequent wet weather in these same sections. Much of this soft corn

EVERY MEAL A POISONOUS INJECTION

Few folks suffering from kidney and bladder troubles ever think that the meals which they are taking are hastening their death. Every morsel of food taken gives up its quantity of uric acid. This poison is taken into the system through a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder. In the healthy man nature provides an outlet for this poison. Those in ill-health must take a medicinal help to drive this death-dealing poison from the system. For over 200 years GOLD MEDAL Hurdell Oil Capsules have been doing this work. They effect prompt relief in all diseases arising from kidney and bladder troubles. Don't put off this vital matter of attending to your health until it is time to make your funeral arrangements. Get a box of GOLD MEDAL Hurdell Oil Capsules today. Look for the genuine. Your druggist sells them. They are guaranteed or money refunded. Insist on GOLD MEDAL Brand.

was used in 1915 as early as possible and later on by feeding it liberally to livestock, especially hogs. Sections where soft corn is most abundant are getting shipments of cattle and hogs from other sections where feed is very high and scarce, thus endeavoring to equalize the situation.

Corn in South

The South's proportion of corn is very large this year, and the crop is of most excellent quality. Exceptions to good yields are Oklahoma and Texas, which suffered severely from long continued drought. Elsewhere the south has corn to ship, for it raised more than a sufficient amount for its own needs. It also has an abundance of other feed for live stock, so that stock raising is becoming more and more a necessary and important adjunct of farming in the territory south of the Mason and Dixon line.

The transformation within a 12-month of certain sections of the south in agricultural and business conditions seems almost unbelievable. There were portions of the Central South at this time last year that were in the slough of despond. Crops of all kinds owing to the boll weevil and excessive rains were almost complete failures. Negroes the staple agricultural laborers, were leaving in thousands for the north and the east and the future seemed to offer nothing but that grim endurance which the southern people have so often experienced and outlived.

Today the reports throughout these same regions are optimistic beyond expression, and indicate that the boast of the south that it is the "land of opportunity" is in reality a sober truth. If some crops such as rice and sugar cane were not as large as in some years past, these products now bring great prices which more than make up the difference to the producers. It is true that the same September freeze that hurt corn so badly this year likewise blighted a large area of cotton in Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama. But, again the appreciation in price of this great staple brought its compensation to the farmers and the planters. An interesting sidelight on cotton is that it is very successfully raised, though in a moderate way, as far north in Florida, as the Bay of Tampa.

In its experience of diversification, the south is learning the value of the seemingly unimportant things so that the production of peanuts from Virginia along the Atlantic coast into southern Georgia across into Oklahoma and Texas is becoming a matter of great import. The product running into many millions of dollars. And in the northern part of Texas the great area planted to the "ground peas and goobers" of Southern phraseology proved an ever present help in time of trouble when foodstuffs for man and beast, and cotton withered up under the long, dreary drought.

The state of Texas experienced a drought which was the worst in its history for extent and duration. It has only been partly believed, so that a good part of the western and southern Texas still suffer from lack of moisture. This drought extended throughout the great grazing ranges of Texas into eastern New Mexico and still pervades, so the cattle have suffered severely, and are being shipped out of that territory as fast as possible.

As always, necessity proved a great teacher, and goats and sheep have been found to do better in emergencies of this kind than cattle, and the indications are that these animals will receive more attention in the future in the semi-arid region where the great grazing ranges are located. In the northwest especially in northern North Dakota, much of Montana and northern Idaho—the same trying drought prevailed as in the southwest, and with much the same unfortunate results.

RAILROAD WAR BOARD IS DISSOLVED

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 31.—Railroad Director General McAdoo today dissolved the war railroad board at its own suggestion and appointed Huls Holder a member of the board to direct the nation-wide organization which it had under way.

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WHY SHIPS ARE SLOW BUILDING

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 31.—Labor troubles in the north west lumber camps instigated by the I. W. W. have delayed the building of wooden ships and the steel ships have been hindered by the inability of the railroad to get the steel from the east to the coast ship yards. Charles Page of the Shipping Board told the Senate committee engaged in making the investigation today.

ITEMS M'ADOO MAY PUT AT END OF FREIGHT LIST

Washington, Dec. 31.—While Secretary McAdoo has not prepared a list of non-essentials to be placed at the end of transportation priorities, it is known that the Government has contemplated the elimination from shipments to a large extent of the following commodities:

Playing cards and poker chips, chewing gum and candies, decorative metal work, toys and building ornaments, bric-a-brac, and artistic furniture, feature calendars.

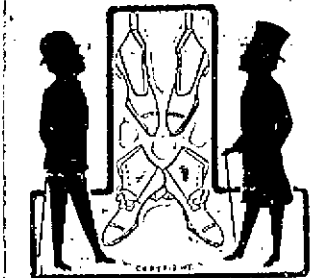
There are thousands of other articles that might be actually prohibited from transportation except that they are shipped in less than carload lots and consume only small space.

Other articles the shipment of which may be limited, include pianos and music boxes, automobile equipment, fishing tackle and sports goods, advertising matter, clothing forms and models, whiskey, beer and other liquors, perfume and cosmetics—in fact, all luxuries not required for sustenance and comfort.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral of Mrs. Daisy A. Berry will be held from the Congregational church in Eliot Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The fire at the Y. M. C. A. is particularly unfortunate at this time, for it will take many weeks before the damage can be remedied.



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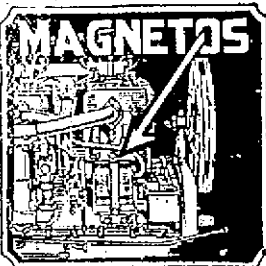
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PRESIDENT OBJECTS TO WAR CHILD LABOR

Washington, Dec. 31.—Efforts of the national child labor committee to prevent relaxation of the child labor laws on the excuse of war-time necessity have the endorsement of President Wilson. In a letter to the committee made public today, the President declares that strict enforcement of the laws not only will contribute to preservation of life and health, but will tend to efficiency and economy of production.

"As the labor situation created by the war develops," wrote the President "I am more interested than ever, if that were possible, in throwing all the safeguards possible around the labor of women and children. In order that no intolerable or injurious burden may be placed upon them. I am, therefore, very glad indeed that the national child labor committee is diligently expediting its labors and extending its vigilance in this important matter. By doing so it is contributing to efficiency and economy of production as well as to the preservation of life and health."

TOWED TO SEA AND DROWNED

(By Associated Press)
New York, Dec. 31.—At least a million people were the victims of the organized massacre of the Turkish-Deutons in Asia according to George Marredes, son of one of the leading merchants of Trebizond, made public here today. Those of the ages of 16 to 50 were drafted into the Turkish army and the women and children with the older men were placed in orphanages, until they could be disposed of. Wholesale drowning was considered the easiest and they were towed in large barges well out into the Black Sea and then thrown overboard in the same manner that garbage would be dumped. Not a survivor reached shore. The German efficiency organized the natural cruelties of the Turks and at least a million of my fellow countrymen have perished. Our only hope now is America.

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lavish hand, and swaggered under the attendant applause.

At home we performed in the same way. To practice small economies was to run the risk of being called mean, and besides there was always money to be made. So we squandered, educating ourselves in habits of extravagance. Purveyors of luxury egged us on, the new rich set a standard that the conservative hastened to follow. We multiplied ways of spending, outgrew comfort and demanded luxury. Our houses were not good enough; it became the custom to refurbish them. The French and English furnish for a life time, repairing and replacing when the need arises. But at ever shortening intervals we turn out the old things and install new: "having the house done over" is the popular American pastime.

And it is not confined to the homes of the rich. What the top layer of society does is copied by the lower layers. They too, refurbish and discard, keep up their end by spending what they ought to save and buying what they don't need. To all sorts of little people edging along on small incomes there comes a day when the brass bed is supplanted by a mahogany and four poster and the parlor must have a new book rug.

In the matter of clothes—women's—this national weakness reaches its highest expression. Our extravagance in dress is a by-word and a reproach among the nations. The girl of moderate means tries to emulate the millionaire's daughter, the sales woman her rich customer, the factory hand the painted beauty that she sees on her Sunday promenade. French and English women buy their clothes to last. But the American to wear for a season an adieu away. She still regards the coverings of her body as purely ornamental, articles of decoration and display for which her father's or her husband's, or her own dollars must go as to a vital necessity.

And so it travels down the line till you come to the spending money—the money in your purse. In the purses of most of us, this means a small sum—a few bills, a little loose change. Where does it go to? For that it goes vanishing with the agility of quicksilver in the general experience. At the end of the month add it up and see what you have for it—generally nothing and yet it was not such a contemptible amount. It sweeps away like a stream into sand, a futile outflow that has no results.

With women and children a good deal goes on candy. In the year a well to do New York girl saved what she spent on candy, at the end of the line she would have enough to take over several French orphans. A good deal goes on small adornments—things bought at bargain rates because they are cheap, things that look pretty in shop windows. Some goes on food taken idly to pass an idle hour, on the manufacture—fifty cents a week amounts in twelve months—on the hairdresser, on cards. It would be interesting if the card playing kullies in our town would make public what they lost in a season at bridge.

In a humbler walk of life when the money in the purse is counted in pennies, the same lack of thought shows behind the outlay. The salesgirl buys the shoddy, perishable article that happens to be the moment's mode. The money saved for her new shoes spent on a white pair with high heels. The French millinette satisfies her craving for adornment by a ribbon at her neck tied with a dainty grace, by a tasteful dressing of her hair disposed in neat and glossy coils. She has learned how to make the most of her looks without drawing on the hoarded pennies. She knows the value of the sou too well to waste it on white boots. She comes from a race which is drilled in economy, has it in the blood.

It is up to each and all of us to cut a halt in the habit of heedless spending. We have played pitch and toss with our small change long enough. It is time for us to learn its value, time to face round in a new direction and star in on a new line. Let us begin not with a penny box but with a promise to ourselves to cut out the unnecessary things, save the candy money, save the dress trifles money, save the white boots money. And having made the promise let us stick to it, not dodge and evade. Doing this we

not only check the waste, but we do something even better—start the process of a growth in character.

No nation in the world needs such a training more than we do, deteriorated by habits of self-indulgence. It will cultivate what stands in crying need of cultivation—restraint, strength and purpose, resolution.

SAYS SHARK MEAT IS GOOD

Writer Declares Flesh Looks and Tastes Much Like That of Young Pig, but Is Not as Juicy.

A good many people do not know how shark's meat tastes when it is cooked. There is some talk of a government investigation of this matter, observes the Hartford Courant, so that everybody may get the taste as second hand. The writer of this paragraph, owing to the fact that he was a good deal of a seashore man at the time, has tasted cooked shark for himself. The flesh of the shark, when a Southern cook presides over the kitchen, looks very much like the meat of a young pig, and tastes very much like that meat. The main difference is that the flesh of the infant hog is a trifle more juicy.

When one reflects that part of the shark family was created with a relish for human flesh, or has been brought to this liking by some millions of years of evolution, it seems odd that man, when he gets the chance, should also like to eat the shark. It goes to show that in the general scheme of existence nothing is wasted.

The shark can get a good dinner out of a man, and the man can get a good dinner out of a shark. It all depends on which one gets the other first. In either case it is fair eating for the one who gets the dinner.

Old Friends Meet.
This world is not such a big place after all. Recently, at Forty-seventh street and Fifth avenue, writes a New York correspondent, one of our boys in khaki met an Italian soldier with one sleeve of his coat tucked in. "Why," gasped the American. "Blen," returned the Italian. The two had met in Florence, Italy, three years ago. On the lapel of the American there was a small nickel-plated model of the Statue of Liberty, enfolded in an American flag. The Italian asked if he might have it for a keepsake. "Some day I'll come to your land," he said, smiling, "and I'll bring it back to you." And when the American and Italian came face to face the man from the sunny climes still wore the emblem of Liberty on his breast. "And must I return it?" he asked. "Well, hardly," returned the American. "You have earned it a thousand times. Your sacrifice has been for what it represents—Liberty and justice." "That is right, yes, but is it not worth the sacrifice? Yes, worth it ten thousand times."

The Dream of a World Court.
The thought of an international court or conference for the settlement of international disputes is not new, writes Oscar Hullah in Case and Comment. Grotius suggested it nearly three hundred years ago during the Thirty Years' war.

William Penn, in 1683, proposed the establishment of a European diet, parliament, or estates for the maintenance of perpetual peace. Rousseau, Kant and Bentham followed. Sumner devoted himself to the question of disarmament, the establishment of a congress of nations, and the abolition of war by means of an international court of justice.

Algerian Wines Taken for Army.
In conformity with the instructions of the minister of general supplies, one-third of the wine crop of Algeria has been requisitioned for military purposes, says Consul Arthur C. Frost, Algiers. Each wine producer is required to turn one-third of his vintage into table wine for army consumption. The wine furnished must be of good quality and equal at least to the average quality of each producer's vintage.

SOUTH PARISH ALLIANCE

The meeting of the South Parish Alliance scheduled for January first, has been postponed until further notice.

GEORGE OF WINDSOR

British Monarch, the Founder of New Royal Line.

Reasons for Abolishing Ancient German Patronymic of "Guelf"—Act Enthusiastically Acclaimed Throughout the Realm.

The shadow of a German nationality no longer obscures the light of the English nation, and the Fifth George of the Hanoverian line of British rulers has buried the ancient German patronymic of his ancestors, "Guelf," in the vaults of the English "Windsor."

Just about two centuries ago the German George I ascended the throne of England and the Stuarts were supplanted by the Guelfs. Of all the five Georges of that house the present holder of the title is the most English of them all. True, his father, Edward VII, proved a good king, and a thorough Englishman, and his grandmother, Victoria, had a grand and successful reign, and through her mother she inherited her adopted title of the House of Saxe-Coburg, of which family her consort, Prince Albert, was a member.

But the bitter feelings aroused by the great war, the crimes unblushingly committed by the Germans, have caused such a wave of disgust to sweep over England that the king himself has unhesitatingly abandoned every claim to the ancient pedigree of his German ancestors and, like his great ancestor, Edward I, has declared for an English England, untrammelled by foreign blood ties, unhampered by foreign titles.

The German George who inherited the English throne through his great-grandfather, a daughter of James I of England, and who inherited his title of Guelf from his great-grandfather, Frederick of Bohemia, who started the Thirty Years' War, could not speak a word of English and really hated his new kingdom, but he was the connecting link through the Stuarts between the last of the Guelfs and the first of the Normans, the Conqueror William.

The English George is also the founder of a new royal line, and in the House of Windsor he has restored to the English people an English title that recalls the glorious memories of the Houses of Tudor, of Lancaster, of York, and of the Plantagenets, when the Henrys, the Edwards and the "Good Queen Bess" held court in the Castle of Windsor, and hunted and strolled through the verdant acres of that oldest and most English of Britain's public places.

Under the existing conditions the title of Windsor, chosen by George V, is perhaps the most popular act of his reign.

For over 1,000 years Windsor Castle has been the abode of English royalty. Edward the Confessor abode there; William the Conqueror added to it; Edward I built one of its towers and Edward III created in its halls the famous Order of the Garter. Here it was that "Harry of Monmouth" disputed with his friends; where Edward of the White Rose, and Henry of the Red Rose alternately lived during the famous Wars of the Roses; here Shakespeare strolled and wrote, and here Queen Bess received the homages of Essex, and Leicester and Raleigh and Drake and all those great ones of the golden age.

Here it was that Wolsey thrived and bluff King Hal threw off the foreign influences of Rome and Spain. In fact, Windsor was the National center of Old England; the England of the roast beef age; the England of the fearless sea rover, and the steady archer; in fact, the Merry England, of which Shakespeare and Jonson and others have written; the England where Englishmen reigned before the Stuart or the Hanoverian were foisted onto the throne.

But through all the changes of dynasties Windsor has remained the abode of royalty. There lie the bones of not a few of the wearers of the ermine, in the vaults beneath the chapel, and there where his Hanoverian ancestors lie it is fitting that George V should bury the German titles and revive the ancient glories of the English nation in the title George of Windsor. For there is the heart of England; 1,000 years of her history; monument of her glory; the proudest name the King could adopt, "English Windsor."—Thomas B. Dwyer, in Philadelphia Record.

Best Carpet for Concrete Floor.
Cementing a carpet of heavy tarred paper to concrete floor, floors is recommended as a means of lessening the noise from trucks. After the floor has been given a preliminary coat of gray cement paint, a second coat is applied, with a coat to the underside of the paper, and the paper is then laid carefully in place, and made perfectly smooth with a roller or a wide-tired truck. This sound-deadening surface, which is very durable, is said to improve with age.

Mr. Hart Dependent.
A husky citizen, who declared that he was employed as a navy yard shipwright claimed exemption at New York. He offered the fact that he was employed in government work as a reason, but added, "an' besides, I've got dependents." "How many?" asked the exemption official. "Me mother," said the shipwright, "an' about 20 cents that I been playing cards with for the last three months. Without me they'd starve."

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FOR SALE—Gas range for sale, 274 Austin street, corner Union. ho 31, 1w

FOR SALE—Corner lot on West street. Apply to M. E. Morrissy, 48 West street. ho 04, 1m

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NEW CITY COUNCIL SWORN IN TODAY

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modelled and gone over thoroughly and put into first class condition with a slight increase in cost over the previous year, but with added efficiency to the department and to the satisfaction of the citizens. In obtaining these results much credit is due the superintendent.

With the advanced living expense, an increase in the appropriation for the department must be made.

We have had in the past year quite a few cases of contagious diseases which the city was obliged to support and caused greater expense in the health department than in the previous year. It has been brought to my mind for this year the conditions existing at our pest house and I would suggest that if possible, the city move this, with the consent of the Portsmouth hospital, to a lot on their property, and have this hospital run under the supervision of the superintendent of the Portsmouth hospital. In this way, nurses' fees would be saved, as the training school nurses would be able to take care of whatever cases the city entered. The selling of the property would offset the expense of moving the building and putting in the foundation and such other expense as might arise.

Under the water department there is greatly needed the expenditure of quite a large sum of money for a new pump at the Sherburne station, and the consideration of taking over the water system of a private corporation which would save the city considerable money. I refer to the Frank Jones Brewing Company. Also the relaying of the pipe main across Little Harbor Creek which supplies water to the town of Newcastle.

There are a few glaring suggestions which have come to my attention in the past which I offer for your consideration.

Money for Public Works.

The following appropriations for temporary needs of the public works until the annual appropriation is made, was requested by the board of public works and allowed by the council: Roads, \$500; sewers, \$500; parks, \$500; sidewalks, \$500; streets, \$5,000; water department, \$15,000; total, \$25,000.

The rules governing the council for 1917 were adopted for 1918. Adjourned until Thursday, Jan. 10.

**NEW YEARS
EVE QUIET**

New Year's eve was not very boisterous about the city, the extreme cold weather had something to do with keeping down the street crowd, but there were enough present to properly meet the new year.

There were a great many private parties about the city and the Twentieth Century Club held forth at the Rockingham Hotel.

There were several dancing parties, the fishermen at the yard having very pretty party at Freeman's upper hall and there were several public dances which lasted until after the arrival of the new year and another dance that started with the advent of the year and continued until three o'clock.

There was no attempt of a public celebration owing to the war.

Today is a holiday at the navy yard with the men under pay, and at the government buildings. The banks also close, but there will be no other observance of the day, all of the stores remaining open.

**SEARCH FOR
MISSING GIRL**

Search was made in this city on Tuesday for 17-year-old Marie E. Silver, a Portland girl, who disappeared from the boarding house of Mrs. Jabez Freeman, 14 Smith street, that city.

Much anxiety has been shown on the part of her parents as to her present whereabouts. They are also seeking information concerning Chas. Henry Ridger, otherwise known as Chas. Spenser, who had been the Silver girl's escort, to a considerable extent. He has had stables in Rutland, Vt., and several Massachusetts cities. It is thought perhaps that he has abducted her.

Miss Silver is dark complexioned and very good looking. She is five feet six inches tall, wore a dark seal coat, bell-bottomed, with a black band and a blue serge dress. She wore her hair cut Dutch fashion.

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS
ORGANIZE TODAY**

Re-elect Hodgdon Chairman and Yarwood Clerk.

The board of assessors met for organization at city hall this forenoon and elected Charles E. Hodgdon chairman and John G. Yarwood clerk.

**ATTENTION STORER POST, NO. 1,
G. A. R.**

Comrades:—Invitations have been received from Camp Schley, No. 4, U. S. W. V., to be present at their hall on Daniel street on Tuesday, Jan. 1, at 2:30 p. m. The camp is to furnish a service flag with appropriate exercises. Let there be a full attendance at this patriotic demonstration. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock at Freeman's Block the Ancient Linech Association will celebrate the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. Comrades will attend in full uniform at both these occasions.

M. H. BELL, Commander.
H. S. PAUL, Adj.

**CHEMICAL RESPONSES TO
A STILL ALARM**

The chemical engine was called to the residence of Nellie A. Sides, 8 Cabot street, at 3:45 this morning. The firemen found a lively blaze in the flooring which was caused by the family in an effort to thaw frozen pipes. It took some lively work to prevent a serious fire.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of James J. Hartwell will be held from the church of the Immaculate Conception Thursday morning at 9:30.

GRAFFORT CLUB NOTICE.

Miss Lucina Pryor of the Vocational department of the Massachusetts State day.

**WOOD GIVEN
AWAY BY THE
NAVY YARD**

Sec. of Navy Daniels Directs
Admiral Bouch to Supply
Refuse Wood Free to
Needy Persons.

Steps were taken to relieve in part the fuel shortage in this city following the receipt of a telegram on Monday to Admiral Bouch, commandant of the local navy yard, directing him to give away refuse wood for fuel to poor and needy families in this vicinity.

Commander Almy, aide to Admiral Bouch, at once obtained the names of persons needing fuel from Mrs. C. A. Hull, Secretary of Portsmouth Associated Charities and deliveries of wood were made Monday afternoon and Tuesday.

A thorough investigation was made of families obtaining government help as to their inability to secure fuel from other sources, so that only those absolutely without fuel would be supplied.

A similar order directing the giving away of refuse wood was also received by the commandants of the Charlestown, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Norfolk and Charleston navy yards.

**CAMP SCHLEY
RAISES
SERVICE FLAG**

The members of Camp Schley assembled at their headquarters this afternoon and with appropriate exercises raised a service flag. The flag contains 15 stars, representing the number of members of the camp now in the service.

The members of the command marched to their hall at 2:10 headed by the Naval Band, and at a signal from the commander the band played the National air. The flag was broken out with cheers from the crowd. The men then filed into their hall where the exercises are being held as The Herald goes to press, with remarks by Mayor Ladd and Colonel Bartlett.

**ELKS GREET
NEW YEAR**

Portsmouth members of the Lodge of Elks watched the old year out on Monday evening. A dinner party of about forty held forth in the banquet room. The 11 o'clock toast was fittingly observed.

**SAID HE WAS GILMORE,
FAMOUS BANDMASTER**

Harry Clark Was Taking in
the Zero Breezes at
the Depot.

The queer notions of Harry Clark who claims that he is a resident of New York city, landed Harry on one of the wooden cots at the Chapel street hotel on Monday. The officer on the depot beat put his binoculars on Harry when he saw him parading through the station with his hat off getting the zero breezes and his arm extended toward the sky as if he was leading the cheering for some noted Panjman politician. He chased Clark to the headquarters where he gave the name of the famous bandmaster, Patrick A. Gilmore. The police were satisfied that Harry didn't know music enough to help to carry the bass drum for any band and later he gave the name of Clark. The police told Harry to make his New Year's call short and Harry agreed that it would not take him long to escape. He was transferred to Dover and after a short stay in the Cocheco city he promised to start the music going at Biddeford.

**MUST TREAT THE
PUBLIC DIFFERENT**

Employees of the B. & M. Must
Not Be Curt to Passengers.

The public will thank the Boston & Maine for renewing the order to conductors of passenger trains, station agents and trainmen that they are expected at all times to give the passengers information as to the cause of delayed trains and such other information as might help them in making necessary train connections. The order which is placed on bulletin boards states the station employees have been reported as curt and provoked when the public seek information. The officials direct that the people be extended more courteous treatment and everything done to see that they have the desired information on such occasions.

NO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY

Owing to an accident to the heating apparatus, there will be no session of school at the Parochial school on Wednesday. If repairs can be made in time the school will open on Thursday.

LOCAL DASHES

Velie automobiles, C. E. Woods, Bow street.

Fish of all kinds at Clark's Branch, Tel. 133.

Some tough weather for the coast guard.

Freeze-ups, bad boiler conditions have added to the troubles of local landlords.

A local restaurant was using ten oil heaters to keep warm, the boiler having gone bad.

Upholsterers of antique and modern furniture, Hair mattresses renovated, Margeson Bros., Tel. 670.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all is the sincere wish of the Chronicle.

All the men at the Newington shipyard have worked every day regardless of the weather.

The thermometer in most places showed four degrees below zero at 7 o'clock this morning.

Receipts of the votes of ward five have never made any change from the ward clerk's returns.

There was no desire on the part of pedestrians to think of searching for Mayflowers this morning.

Loabsters and fresh fish of all kinds caught by our own boats, fresh every day. E. Jamieson & Sons, Tel. 245.

The new city government will take the oath of office this forenoon and at the same time elect the city clerk. All of the other officers hold over until the second Thursday.

New Year's eve was not given the usual noisy welcome a former years, although there was enough around to make the New Year feel that he had not been neglected altogether.

There will be many disappointed that they will not be able to hear the sply evidence of the Cowley case, but about everybody agrees that Judge Alton did the best thing for the two little girls who are the innocent subject of this bitter controversy.

The Knights of Columbus showed the spirit in which the war work is being carried on as soon as the news of the fire reached the officers they immediately offered the use of their building on Belington street and it was gratefully accepted. Out of the war are coming many things of benefit to humanity.

**HE STARTED THE
NEW YEAR BAD**

Soldier Rejects Police Warn-
ing and Starts Early Morn-
ing Scrap.

Quintes Rodgers, a soldier boy, started the New Year in a bad way in an early morning mixup on Congress street. It was after 1 o'clock when Rodgers attempted to turn into a dance hall and was put out by Officer McLean. He passed up the street and ran into Officer Murphy who spoke to him and told him the celebration was all over and that he had better go home and sleep out part of the first day of 1918. Rodgers told the officer to bent it and at the same time made a barn-yard swing at Murphy.

It was then the balloon went up and the lad with the khaki only lasted one round. Officer Kelley came to the scene and the fighter was forced right front into line to the municipal detention camp.

Today when the court heard the story of the arresting officer, Rodgers admitted that he was in the scrap but the details on his part were lacking. Rodgers made a New Year's gift of nineteen dollars and nine cents to the city.

NOTICE!

Families of Enlisted Men.

Under the act of Congress, which requires a man in the Army or Navy to give part of his pay to his wife or children, or other dependents, there has been provided a Federal aid, which gives to the enlisted man's family or dependent an allowance while he is in the service. Other near relatives have a right to receive money from the government if they have been dependent on the man enlisted.

The Portsmouth Chapter of the Red Cross, through the Civilian Relief Committee, will have all the information and blanks at the office of the Organized Charities in the Court House on State street, with office hours from 10 to 12 o'clock daily. Here all the necessary information and assistance, free of charge, may be obtained. Married women are requested to bring a certified copy of their marriage certificate and in case of children a certified copy of their birth if possible.

All persons affected by the above conditions who desire federal aid are requested to make application at once. F. M. SISE, Chairman Civilian Relief, h 229, tr

**NO ELECTION OF
SUPT. BY BOARD
OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Board Evenly Divided on
Three Candidates; Hasty
Elected Clerk.

The Board of Public Works met today at City hall, Mayor Ladd presiding. The board failed to elect a superintendent though there were three candidates, William A. Hodgdon, the president superintendent; Gerald A. Cullen, present assistant superintendent, and James W. Barrett, former superintendent. They each received one vote as follows: Smart voted for Hodgdon; Parsons for Cullen; Hasty for Barrett.

The temporary appropriation of \$25,000 was asked from the council to carry on the department until the annual appropriation is made.

Fred E. Hasty was elected clerk.

**NEW INSURANCE
COMMISSIONER
VISITS THIS CITY**

Insurance Commissioner Rufus N. Blwell of Concord, made his first official visit to this city today and examined the local insurance companies. He was given a most hearty greeting by hosts of friends. Mr. Blwell is thoroughly equipped for the duties.

**TO JOIN ORDER OF
SISTERS OF MERCY**

Three Young Women Enter
Convent at Hooksett.

Miss Lena Murphy, daughter of Mrs. Norah and the late Cornelius Murphy of Cabot street, Miss Julia Hartnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hartnett of Clinton street, and Miss Margaret Doonan, formerly of Exeter, have entered the Mount St. Mary's Convent at Hooksett to become Sisters of Mercy.

SALE.

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 4 and 5, trimmed hats \$5, formerly \$8.50, \$10 and \$15. No hat over \$5, some \$3.00. MRS. E. M. FISHER, 213 State Street.

NOTICE

Friendship club whist party, 39 Congress street, Wednesday evening, Jan. at 8 o'clock. Prizes and refreshments. Tickets 25c.

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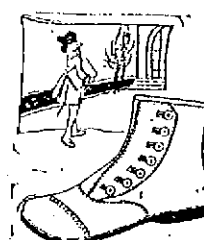
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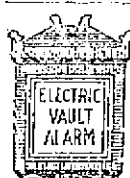
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